

CITY OF HARRISON

COUNCIL MINUTES

03 MARCH 2020

Prior to the meeting, the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Pastor Chris Sheneman of NewSong Church offered the invocation.

The meeting opened with Roll Call at 7:33pm.

Council met in regular session with Mayor Bill Neyer presiding. Members present included: Mr. Ethan Dole, Mr. Tony Egner, Mr. Matt Hackworth, Mr. Mike Mains and Mr. Ryan Samuels.

Mr. Mains made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hackworth to excuse Mr. Grubbs and Mrs. Wilson from the meeting. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Mr. Dole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Samuels, to approve the Council Meeting minutes from February 18, 2020. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Invited Guests & Visitors

Harrison Library Branch Manager, Michelle Elliott, gave a library update. They have received a donation from Cincinnati Incorporated for the children's area and memory café.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Neyer reminded everyone that the next Council meeting is on Wednesday March, 18th due to the primary election on Tuesday the 17th. The Harrison Township Trustees meeting regularly scheduled for that Wednesday will move to the Harrison Civic Center.

Council – Committee Reports

Mr. Egner

Information Technology: Mr. Egner reported the committee met this evening and got an update on Hamilton Clermont Cooperative's IT work, the server conversion and the new phone system. New City phone numbers have been assigned. The committee is looking at updating the City's IT policies.

Mr. Samuels

Social Media Committee: The next meeting is April 21st at 8:30am at the Coffee Peddler.

Finance Committee: Mr. Samuels reported they met on February 26th. A representative from RBC reviewed the City's recently restructured bonds and the million dollar plus savings it provided. Mr. Samuels obtained examples of credit card, travel and purchase order policies and procedures from Dublin, Ohio which is Ohio's gold standard. The

committee is working to update the City's. They also discussed software upgrading which has to be done because there is no longer support for the old system.

Mr. Dole

Streets, Storm Water and Utilities: The committee met this evening and Mr. Dole reported JMA gave a street grading and project update. Park Avenue, Dair Avenue and May Drive didn't receive any grant funding this year but the City will reapply. Dry Fork and West Road construction will begin next year. They got an ODOT update. A grant application for West Road is due by April. Caution pedestrian signs will be put up on both sides of the overpass for now to help slow traffic. For utilities the new rate structure was discussed. The 2020 rates have a service fee based on meter size. There will be a new format on the billing statements to show this.

Planning Commission: Mr. Dole reported the next meeting is March 10th at 7:30pm.

Mr. Mains

Mr. Mains made a motion for an Executive Session to discuss an economic development issue. It was seconded by Mr. Dole. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Environmental/Solid Waste Committee:

We Thrive is hosting a roadside clean up on April 4th from 9am to noon.

The Doug Dunaway Motocross Track will be opening sometime between mid- March and mid- April. There are volunteers who will be shaping up the track.

Economic Development: Mr. Mains reported the committee met this evening. The new UDF will open March 13th. Other new businesses opening soon are 5 Guys, and Maka Mia Pizza. There was also discussion on Veterans Pole Banners. JTM, F&M Mafco and Geograph are sponsoring The Wall That Heals exhibit. The next meeting is April 7th.

Tree Board: Mr. Mains is hoping Harrison will host the Taking Root Tree Summit in the next few years.

Mr. Hackworth

Law Committee: The committee's next meeting in April 7th.

Police Committee: The 1860 Taproom Community tap for March benefits the Police Department.

Civil Defense Committee: Mr. Hackworth read the Hamilton County Board of Health update for the coronavirus.

There being no further business, Council entered into Executive Session at 8:04pm.

The regular meeting reconvened after Executive Session, and being no further business Mr. Mains made a motion to adjourn at 8:35pm, Mr. Samuels seconded. **Roll Call: All - yea.**


William Neyer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Risa Dole, Clerk